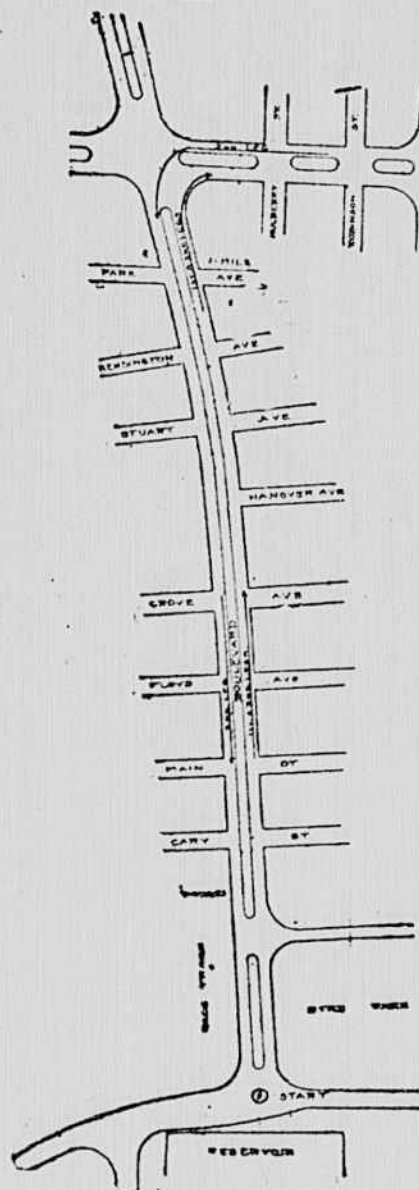


Map of Course of The Times-Dispatch Marathon



1913 Batting and Fielding Averages of the World's Series Players

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS.

Players and Pos.	Games.	AB.	Runs.	Hits.	2B.	3B.	HR.	TR.	SH.	SB.	PC.	PO.	A.	E.	PC.
E. Murphy, rf.	135	562	101	146	28	7	5	297	18	26	281	243	21	9	565
Collins, rf.	135	583	96	159	28	7	5	297	18	26	281	243	21	9	565
Shaffer, 2b.	145	525	122	181	29	12	1	288	25	54	334	210	243	28	560
Baker, 3b.	145	525	114	187	34	7	12	271	7	34	334	231	226	47	567
McInnis, 1b.	145	525	76	174	29	3	4	232	25	15	325	1359	86	19	380
Lavan, ss.	49	157	8	23	2	0	0	29	6	0	159	86	142	24	955
Strunk, lf.	51	282	29	85	13	11	0	129	15	13	391	164	16	7	952
Barry, ss.	132	452	62	129	29	5	3	159	28	13	265	257	377	37	945
Lapp, c.	89	231	22	52	2	4	0	70	1	1	224	301	111	15	952
Thomas, c.	22	63	3	14	3	0	0	19	1	0	254	88	25	3	955
Walsh, 2b.	94	256	56	75	16	4	0	109	12	14	257	173	15	8	950
Daley, 2b.	55	183	13	35	2	1	0	30	4	3	263	68	4	6	933
B. Murphy, 2b.	29	53	3	13	4	1	0	24	2	2	319	5	0	0	1000
Orr, ss.	29	84	6	13	1	1	0	19	0	0	213	44	40	6	933
Schank, c.	77	264	31	63	14	2	2	77	12	19	269	101	16	6	933
Davis, 1b.	4	9	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	322	44	1	0	1000
Coombs, 2b.	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	322	44	1	0	1000
Bender, p.	48	73	8	13	1	0	0	14	6	1	169	4	13	1	957
Plank, p.	49	77	8	13	1	0	0	14	6	1	169	4	13	1	957
Pennoch, p.	14	15	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	273	6	58	1	955
Brown, p.	42	81	5	13	1	0	0	17	3	0	169	7	63	10	1000
Houck, p.	23	55	2	5	1	0	0	6	2	0	956	11	49	0	1000
Wyckoff, p.	15	15	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	211	8	31	1	955
Eush, p.	28	69	8	14	0	0	0	21	2	0	203	15	66	1	987
Shawkey, p.	19	39	3	6	1	0	0	7	2	0	134	2	49	4	913
G. AB.	4,952	778	1,858	212	70	31	1,453	186	216	282	3,893	1,723	243	955	

NEW YORK GIANTS.

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Snodgrass, cf.	129	452	61	129	19	3	3	169	8	28	285	311	18	15	926
Shaffer, 2b.	134	500	71	140	17	10	5	192	8	29	280	208	237	39	919
Burns, 1b.	145	599	78	158	31	4	2	208	8	36	276	312	21	11	968
Doyle, 2b.	129	472	62	150	21	6	7	173	17	33	275	304	339	19	970
Murray, rf.	143	504	66	131	20	3	2	163	17	33	281	282	25	9	970
Merkle, 1b.	149	551	17	140	26	13	1	193	19	85	272	1,288	76	19	955
Harmon, 2b.	98	273	44	78	14	3	3	197	6	32	281	93	134	10	958
Meyers, c.	118	368	27	112	16	5	3	118	4	6	302	672	140	23	969
Fletcher, ss.	132	523	66	150	19	9	2	193	15	27	287	245	427	52	928
Wilson, c.	59	72	4	14	1	1	0	17	1	2	194	136	39	6	967
Cooper, 2b.	25	20	9	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	176	6	1	2	777
Therpe, 2b.	14	14	3	3	0	0	0	1	5	0	214	7	1	0	1,000
McLean, c.	73	217	19	62	10	0	0	72	2	2	236	79	8	0	1,000
Carr, c.	21	16	2	4	0	0	0	4	1	2	231	32	5	2	849
McCormick, 2b.	54	72	7	17	3	3	0	26	0	0	235	19	1	0	1,000
Grant, 2b.	59	105	19	22	1	0	0	23	1	7	238	26	49	6	926
Premie, p.	34	54	3	9	3	0	0	12	3	0	167	5	42	0	1,000
Tesreau, p.	40	98	7	19	1	2	0	24	3	0	231	3	82	1	988
Crandall, p.	45	39	3	9	3	1	0	14	0	0	231	3	82	1	988
Mathewson, p.	59	192	7	18	1	0	0	19	3	1	177	13	102	4	956
Deane, p.	39	64	4	6	0	0	0	6	1	0	694	2	35	1	974
Marquard, p.	41	92	5	21	6	0	0	6	1	0	224	7	45	5	912
Whitely, p.	17	15	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	287	1	17	1	944
Schupp, p.	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	909	1	1	0	1,000
G. AB.	5,278	650	1,387	209	65	27	1,606	104	269	263	4,213	1,868	233	963	

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HUGH S. FULLERTON COMPARES PLAYERS FOR WORLD'S SERIES

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evening up the count, and with the deciding game in hand, the Athletics were being played, an easy fly, high and long, went out to left-center. Either the left fielder or the center fielder could have caught it. From the time the ball was hit it belonged to Snodgrass. The truth is, Snodgrass did not seem to want to catch the ball. He started for it, looked for help, hesitated as if hoping the left fielder would claim it. He started again, again hesitated, and finally he saw he had to make the try—and tried and muffed. The fact that he muffed doesn't amount to anything. The fact that he did not want to make the attempt indicates that, in the critical moment, he is likely to weaken.

Good When Team Leads.
In fact, in the estimate of a great many National League players, Snodgrass is a "front runner" and not a good ball player on a team that has to fight its way to the front. As one remarked: "In a tight place, he isn't present or accounted for."

Possessing every qualification of a great ball player, having the speed, the ability, the quick eye and considerable hitting power, it is doubtful if Snodgrass would be a good ball player excepting under McGraw. McGraw has kept him nerved up and working, and has made him play ball. Against Snodgrass is the speediest ball player, with two possible exceptions, in the country, so far as covering ground in the outfield and sprinting on the bases are concerned. He can cover more ground than any outfielder in either major league, go farther and catch fly balls, and yet he is not as good as a lot of players who are not rated in his class as a speed boy. Strunk is something of a disappointment. When he broke in as a school-boy it looked as if Mack would develop him into the greatest player of the decade. He had every qualification, and yet he has not improved much over his first year. He can hit—and does hit. He goes to first like a shot. He can stand on the left field foul line and catch a fly ball hit straight to center, and be there waiting for them. He lost some of his speed in injuring a leg, but he still is a fast runner. Yet he is a fair to middling base runner, not a finished fielder, and has a lot of minor faults which he covers up by slugging the ball.

In a great many respects Snodgrass and Strunk are alike. Yet it is difficult to compare their work. I doubted for a long time whether Strunk would be in position when the series started.

Made-to-Order Player.
Snodgrass is a made-to-order ball player. McGraw developed him, taught him what baseball he knows, and he plays ball just as he thinks McGraw wants it played. He is a nice hitter, and I think a bit below where he ought to be on this season. This is due to the fact that he was hitting only about

3 on an A last for the first two months of the season. Then he steadied down and commenced to whang the ball steadily, and has crept up and kept up at a respectable gait. I do not think he can hit anything like his 275 season average against the Athletics pitchers. In fact, he looks like a bad hitter against speed pitching, and when the two teams met before, Bender had him swinging at almost anything offered. In studying his work for the present season, it looks as if the speedy pitchers have him going. I took fifteen games in which he batted against ceaseless speed, and his average for these games (and seven of them were late in the season) was .157, which would look as if Bender and Houck would worry him to death. He has been rapping the left-handers rather better this season than in preceding seasons, and yet the left-handers using the fast ball against right-handed batters seem to have worried him. If he hits any of the Mack pitchers it ought to be Plank. In rating him at 55 as a hitter, I have taken into account his general worth at bat, and given him full credit for doing in a series what he has done in the season.

It looks odd to rate him above Doyle and some others in this respect, but remember, we were compelled to dock Doyle on his erratic showing this season and give Snodgrass credit with his later hitting form. He stands up well, tries to get hit, worries pitchers and hits fairly well with runners. I have credited him with some ability in hitting with runners that he may not show against speed, and deducted from Doyle some credit that he may show. The team worth of Doyle is higher, and in figuring that everything is taken into consideration.

Strunk Better Batter.
But even giving Snodgrass full credit, he fails to rank with Strunk as a hitter. This fellow hits freely, and hits all kinds, excepting the better of the left-handers, who trouble him. Marquard ought to be able to make Mack change center fielders for one game at least, if he is in his right form. Besides that, Strunk's great

speed in going to first is certain to worry the rather uncertain Giant infield, and perhaps it will be more for that reason than for any other that he will be chosen to play the field. By his speed, he can smash the inner defense of the Giants that will be more valuable than a base hit could be, for once an infield defense starts to crumble it is likely to go all to pieces before it can rally. One such panic is worth a lot in such a series.

After reaching first base, Snodgrass has the better of the argument, for, in spite of his speed, Strunk is not a good

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Next manager of Colts. Despite reports to contrary, ex-Tar will lead Richmond team in Virginia League pennant chase next season. He is now scouting for new material.

base-runner. He is messy and uncertain, and does not start instinctively as the great runners do. Snodgrass is a corkscrew base-runner, a hard, twisting slider and a dangerous man at any time. He makes a lot of breaks, and is rather easy for pitchers with a well-developed balk motion, but he gets the jump on the ball a remarkable number of times, and once well away, he is hard to catch. It will be a pretty thing to see Schanz tested against that kind of running, as we will see when we study the catchers.

I watched Archer stop Snodgrass

twice this year with comparative ease, and in three instances he deliberately let Snodgrass get his start and then winged him without much trouble. In other words, he called the turn on Snodgrass's move and, therefore, caught him.

In a world's series, with the pitchers on the sharp edge of their nerves, a cool base runner has all the advantages. He can start better than in an ordinary season's game. The question is whether or not Snodgrass will be as cool as the Athletic pitchers will be. He scarcely can hope to get the start on Plank, and Bender usually watches first very closely, although two years ago he seemed so intent on pitching he let the Giants have a good start in five instances—possibly because he felt so certain he would hold the batters.

Comparison of Speed.
In taking extra bases on hits, Strunk is a shade better on speed. He loses a lot of ground turning bases, but makes up for it by his terrific speed when well under way. Snodgrass, too, is fast, and takes all he can get on every hit. I believe from first to third Snodgrass has a little advantage, while from first home, Strunk could beat him, as he finishes strong and going faster than at any other stage of the journey.

Strunk is a marvelous man covering ground with the outfield, and has the advantage in fielding through this fact. He covers well between fields, better toward left than toward right. It seems to me, and he goes out better than he comes forward. Because of his great speed, he plays a rather deep field, and it is fortunate that Barry can move back so well to protect the short field from dropping flies. Snodgrass is not a finished fielder, and looks awkward in catching long flies. He lets a lot get over his head that other fielders would at least lay hands upon, and it does not seem to me that he plays well with Burns on balls between fields, while he appears to work well with Murray. Both too many ground balls get past him. Both to the right and left, because of his habit of cutting the angle too sharply to meet the ball.

On three occasions during the present season I have seen him try to reach the ball too soon, then turn and give chase, and it seemed in all

cases that there was an element of indecision in the Giant outfield as to which fielder should try for the ball and which should back up and be ready to pursue it. In this Burns seems the more willing chaser, and in one case spoken of he was so well back of Snodgrass that he was enabled to block down the ball and hold the runner to two bases, instead of to a home run, which seemed inevitable when the ball passed Snodgrass.

On either Shibe Park or Brush Stadium, a ball that gets between fields means serious trouble. To left center on the ball and traveling toward the hill, upon the crest of which is a score board, under which the ball may roll. To right center the ball is bound for the corner far out by the carriage entrance. To right center on Brush field, the ball is going downhill to the big exit gate, and even when retrieved it is a hard place to throw from. To left center on the Polo Grounds it is not so disastrous, as the bleacher barrier stops the ball, and by fast chasing a runner may be held at third. One or two failures to head off balls that should be blocked down may turn the tide, and in that respect Strunk is the more effective man. Indeed, the Athletic outfield's system of handling such balls and the quickness with which they decide who shall try for the ball and who shall back up means a lot more than mere individual ability.

The team value figures of the two men show Strunk slightly ahead, but not enough to make Snodgrass seem outclassed. They are so close together that a little luck either way would make one seem a champion and the other a buster. The Athletics must be given the preference in center field because Mack has three men besides Strunk who can play the field and can hit certain kinds of pitching, so that the team strength may be maintained to a large extent, no matter who pitches for New York.

The study of the teams, man for man, shows the Athletics superior in practically every position. But remember, a right fielder is worth four to 100 as a defensive item, and a pitcher is worth forty-two to one as a catcher and pitcher. So we are just starting to get to the depths of the dope, and tomorrow will study the catchers and commence to get closer to the real team strengths.

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